

CYBERSECURITY ENHANCEMENT
ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4061) to advance cybersecurity research, development, and technical standards, and for other purposes:

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 4061, The Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2009. This legislation both addresses immediate national needs, and invests in the future. It will help protect the networks that power the nation's defense, underlie the nation's economy, and strengthen the connections of families across the nation. This legislation also helps develop our workforce for the jobs of the future, supporting Scholarships for Service to develop the next generation of network defenders.

I have the honor and pleasure of representing both Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base, and I understand that our national defense requires secure networks. Trustworthy networking can be a matter of life and death for soldiers in the field and our intelligence at home.

Beyond securing military networks, this bill moves forward to protect all the critical information on the nation's networks. Our family photos, our children's grades, our life histories, our credit histories, and our retirement accounts all deserve a trustworthy network. Cybersecurity is not just a national security issue, it is an economic issue. The initiatives in this legislation will help those who participate in social networks, ecommerce, and online investments to better protect their virtual selves, their very real money, and even their children's digital domains.

Cybersecurity is also about American competitiveness and creating and preserving American jobs. As the former school superintendent in North Carolina, I know that education is the key to the future, both for students and our nation. This bill prioritizes funding for scholarships and training, so that today's students can fill tomorrow's jobs. I am pleased that the manager's amendment expanded funding for undergraduate scholarships in cybersecurity to support needed training to meet our national needs. I also applaud the expansion of Scholarships for Service. This initiative offers Americans who want to expand their skills a fair bargain: for every day we help pay for your education; you commit a day to defending the Federal networks.

This legislation will enhance our national understanding of the threats to public and private networks, and help develop the tools to address those threats. It will also enhance the ongoing efforts of the National Science Foundation and National Institute of Science and Technology to secure our digital lives.

Madam Speaker, H.R. 4061 will help protect our nation's infrastructure, and our nation's future. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 4061.

IN TRIBUTE THE LOS PADRES
COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute the Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America, as the Boy Scouts celebrate 100 years on February 8, 2010.

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Today's Boy Scouts are tomorrow's leaders, as evidenced by the fact that more than 200 members of the 111th Congress were Boy Scouts or adult leaders, including myself. Boy Scouts alumni also include 179 U.S. astronauts, 35.5 percent of the United States Military Academy cadets, 30.5 percent of United States Air Force Academy cadets and 25 percent of United States Naval Academy midshipmen.

In 2005, the Boy Scouts of America and the Youth and Family Research Center produced a report on the "Values of Americans, A Study of Ethics and Character." The report found:

"Compared with men who were never Scouts, men who were Scouts five or more years as youth are more satisfied with their present lives and occupations, have sustained lifelong friendships, and place a higher value on family relationships. Men who were Scouts also earn higher incomes, achieve higher levels of education, and attend religious services more often than men who were never Scouts.

"Boys who are or were Scouts also agree that Scouting is a positive influence in their life. Scouting has helped them gain self-confidence, leadership skills, determination, and social interaction skills. Scouting has also impacted their academic skills. Scouting activities have helped Scouts improve their reading, science, engineering, physical fitness, and emergency preparedness skills. In addition, boys who are Scouts report earning higher grades than do boys who were never Scouts."

Furthermore, the report also found that, "Scouts are also more likely to make the most ethical decisions, not the easiest. Scouts are more likely to volunteer to be a leader, practice responsible recycling procedures, and take part in community service. They are also more likely to report a classmate with a gun and are less likely than non-Scouts to drink alcohol."

It is clear that the Boy Scouts of America has had a positive impact on our youth for a century. The Los Padres Council, which reaches across Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties, is at the forefront of training tomorrow's leaders by serving more than 9,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in paying tribute to the Boy Scouts of America and the Los Padres Council for their dedication to molding our youth into responsible and high-achieving citizens.

CONGRATULATING WHITE RIVER
VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**HON. BRAD ELLSWORTH**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate White River Valley High School in Switz City, Indiana for being recognized as one of the top high schools in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.

White River Valley High School has developed a well-deserved reputation of academic excellence in Greene County and beyond. Students have maintained a 90.7 percent average on state tests and nearly 96 percent of them graduate. With success like this, it is no surprise that White River Valley High School is one of only 30 high schools in Indiana to be recognized this year.

The students sitting in classrooms today will be the scientists, engineers, teachers and leaders of tomorrow. The quality of education they receive has a direct impact on the strength of our economy, our communities, and our country in the future. If their success so far is any indication, I think that future looks bright.

White River Valley High School is preparing students in Greene County to go out and make a difference in our world. I am proud of their accomplishments and grateful for their continued contributions to the Switz City community.

ON 17TH ANNIVERSARY OF ENACTMENT
OF THE FAMILY AND
MEDICAL LEAVE ACT**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, tomorrow is the 17th anniversary of the enactment of the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). This landmark legislation, signed by President Clinton, established for the first time a minimum labor protection to help families balance their work and family lives. Under the law today, covered workers are entitled to up to twelve weeks of job-protected unpaid leave for the birth or adoption of a child, or to care for themselves or for a seriously ill family member.

Recently, legislation authored by Senator CHRISTOPHER DODD and myself to provide FMLA for military families has been signed into law. These are the only changes to the FMLA in its history, but as a result covered workers are entitled to up to twenty-six weeks of unpaid leave to care for seriously injured or ill family members in the armed services. In addition, workers are also entitled to up to twelve weeks of leave for matters relating to the deployment of a family member. And in 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law provisions Senator DODD and I had introduced in this Congress entitling family members of wounded or ill veterans the same twenty-six weeks of leave accorded active servicemembers.

More than hundred million job-protected leaves have been taken as a result of the